

Amendments to the Specification

On page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Provided on each side of the back member 1 is a back core recess 5 which is positioned so that it lies between the front face 2 and the aback face 3 of the back member 1, whereby the material of both the front 2 and back 3 face form its periphery. These back core recesses 5 provide the back member 1 with a high degree of internal rigidity to give added strength to the chair. The lower portion 4 of the back core recess 5 is adapted such that it is able to receive part of the frame, which includes a pair of side supports, each of which is referred to herein as armrest construction 11. In order to ensure that the armrest construction 11 remains secure to the back member 1, apertures 46 are provided on the back face of the back core recess 5 which are adapted to receive extensions 47 on the upwardly directed portion of the armrest construction 11.

On page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The pivot mechanism 9 for a chair seat member 6 is ultimately a combination of three components. It includes the armrest component 11 having an aperture 16, which also basically forms part of the frame of the device and provides the connection of the back member 1 to the assembly, a pivot cup or pivot member 18 which is associated with the chair seat member 6 and adapted to be received onto the aperture 16 and a spring body, referred to herein also as bearing member 29, which acts both as a bearing for the rotation of the pivot member 18, and as a buffer at the extremes of the rotation in order to retain the assembly together.

On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The pivot member 18 can be provided with an inwardly directed annular skirt 25 defining a cavity having three spaced inwardly directed indentations 26 which, in plan, have tapered sides. The pivot member 18 may also have provided an outwardly directed annular member 27 positioned in its centre adapted to receive the tapered pivot bush 12 of the bearing member 29.

On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The bearing member 29 may be made of a low friction material, such as nylon, and has a central hollow cylindrical portion 30 which is adapted to be located over the circular extension 51 of the aperture 16. In the embodiment clearly illustrated in FIG. 5a, it can be seen that the central hollow cylindrical portion 30 of the spring body or bearing member 29 and the extension 51 of the side support or armrest 11 are preferably configured with mateable splines. The bearing member 29 has three radial spring members 15 which are in the form of flat blades extending equidistantly outwardly therefrom each being received in one of the spaces between each adjacent pair of inwardly directed indentations 26 previously described. The spring members 15 act as a buffer at the end of the rotational movement in each direction.